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Indiana Main Street Honors the City of Lafayette with *2011 Best Historic Rehabilitation Project Award*

ARCADIA, IN- Yesterday, Indiana Main Street honored the City of Lafayette with the 2011 Indiana Main Street Best Historic Rehabilitation Award during the statewide Indiana Main Street Conference, held at Alice's Restaurant in Arcadia, Indiana. The Indiana Main Street Program is managed by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

"Congratulations to the City of Lafayette on this well-deserved award," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who oversees OCRA. These downtown revitalization efforts are helping promote economic activity in their community."

The City of Lafayette completed a year-long renovation and restoration effort to rehab the City Hall Annex building, which is now used for office space for city employees. The project retained original features and added modern amenities to compliment the remaining original historic features. Salvaged historic materials were also incorporated into the design, including reclaimed hardwood flooring and restored doors. The result of the project is over 3,500 square feet of professional space that now houses the Community Development and Economic Development Departments of the city.

Indiana Main Street was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. Indiana Main Street encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns.

For more information about Indiana Main Street, please visit www.ocra.in.gov/mainstreet.

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